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	Title	Organ Arrest, Protection and Preservation

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to the patent application identified above. Prior to examination of the subject application, please enter the following amendments to the claims:

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 9-43 without prejudice. Please amend claims 1-8 and add new claims 44-93 as follows.

1. (Amended) A method for arresting, protecting or preserving an organ which includes administering effective amounts of (i) a potassium channel opener or agonist or an adenosine receptor agonist and (ii) local anaesthetic to a subject in need thereof.

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the organ is either intact in the body of the subject or is isolated.

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the organ is a circulatory organ, respiratory organ, urinary organ, digestive organ, reproductive organ, neurological organ or somatic cell.

4. (Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the circulatory organ is a heart.

5. (Amended) The method of claim 4, which is used to arrest, protect or preserve the heart during open-heart surgery, reduce heart damage before, during or following cardiovascular intervention or protect those portions of the heart that have been starved of normal flow, nutrients or oxygen.